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Amendment

Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 11, line 6 as follows:

FIG. 2 depicts an exemplary telephony-VOIP network 30. The exemplary network 30 illustrates how the test topology of FIG. 1 is adapted for use in a production environment. The network 30 deploys a number of test probes like the test probes 14 (FIG. 1), indicated by reference numerals 14a through 14f, at different points along the border of the VOIP network 12. Although not shown in the figure, each of the test probes ~~[[in]]~~ is configured with a copy of a reference voice file, as described earlier with reference to the reference voice files 22 of FIG. 1. Each of test probes 14a through 14d is connected to a respective one of gateways 16a through 16d. Also connected to the gateway 16c is a server 31. Each of the gateways 16a through 16d is connected to the VOIP network 12 and a respective one of PSTNs 32a through 32d. In addition to the gateways 16, VOIP communications devices include a VOIP server 34 and a VOIP telephone 36. Each of the test probes 14 is controlled to generate test calls to others of the test probes 14 over the VOIP network 12, perform PAMS testing on the voice files played back in response to the test calls, as well as play a reference voice file when acting as a recipient of a test call, much in the same manner as was described for the two test probes shown in FIG. 1.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 12, line 20 as follows:

All of the test probes store a copy of the same reference voice file and have the capability to generate PAMS scores for test call traffic. All but passive test probes can generate and answer test calls in the manner described above. Unlike the other probes, the passive probe TP3 42 sees all voice calls, including test calls. It is able to identify a test call by a caller's IP address or the called phone number. Once a test call is detected, the passive probe can extract the audio from a test call and apply a PAMS test to it. Consequently, the passive probe provides a test result for a network location intermediate to the call source and destination points. A combination of end-to-end scores, border-to-end (or border) scores, as well as a passive probe scores, therefore enables a test administrator to isolate a network trouble spot.